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Horticulture in Drought Affected Areas
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether horticulture can be a better alternative for increasing the income of farmers in the backward and drought affected areas of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of schemes being run by the Government to promote horticulture in the backward and drought affected areas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented in all States and Union Territories in the country for development of horticulture crops covering fruits, spices, vegetables, flowers, aromatic plants, plantation crops of coconut cashew and cocoa, besides mushroom and honey Mission envisages production and productivity enhancement of horticulture crops by adopting a cluster approach with backward and forward linkages.

Depending upon the potential for development horticulture crops are taken up in backward and drought prone areas in the country.

The Mission subsumes six ongoing schemes viz. National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Agro Forestry & Bamboo Mission (NABM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB) and Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH) Nagaland, details of which are annexed.